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Office Action Summary

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☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Dec 9, 1999

☐ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 1-44 ~~is~~/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) 1-12 and 16 ~~is~~/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 13-15 and 17-44 ~~is~~/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☒ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☒ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

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☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 13-15 and 17-44 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 18 recites the limitation "to claim 11" in claim 18. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. *The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:*

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371© of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

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5. **Claims 13-15, 17-18, 21-23, 25-29, 31-33, 35-37, and 39-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kawamura et al. (US 5,889,581).**

Regarding claim 13, Kawamura et al. discloses a camera having a plurality of modes (col. 1, lines 64-66) and preparing a subdirectory to store files automatically depending on the mode set (col. 2, lines 1-11). Kawamura et al. discloses an image recording device that automatically gives files certain filenames depending on the mode that the camera is set in such as P0 for portrait mode and SP for sport mode (col. 5, lines 6-14).

Regarding claims 14-15, Kawamura et al. discloses recording images to a memory card using file names by the file format of a versatile operating system (col. 3, lines 1-5).

Regarding claim 17, Kawamura et al. discloses recording images to a memory card using file names (col. 1, lines 20-25). Kawamura et al. discloses a camera having a plurality of modes (col. 1, lines 64-66) and preparing a subdirectory to store files automatically depending on the mode set (col. 2, lines 1-11). Kawamura et al. discloses an image recording device that automatically gives files certain filenames depending on the mode that the camera is set in such as P0 for portrait mode and SP for sport mode (col. 5, lines 6-14).

Regarding claim 18, Kawamura et al. discloses reproducing the image and the filename (col. 3, lines 1-5).

Regarding claim 21, Kawamura et al. discloses recording images to a memory card using file names (col. 1, lines 20-25). Kawamura et al. discloses a camera having a plurality of modes (col. 1, lines 64-66) and preparing a subdirectory to store files automatically depending on the

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mode set (col. 2, lines 1-11). Kawamura et al. discloses an image recording device that automatically gives files certain filenames depending on the mode that the camera is set in such as P0 for portrait mode and SP for sport mode (col. 5, lines 6-14).

Regarding claim 22, Kawamura et al. discloses recording images to a memory card using file names (col. 3, lines 1-5).

Regarding claim 23, Kawamura et al. discloses a sequence control unit communicates with memory card (col. 3, lines 1-8).

Regarding claim 25, Kawamura discloses preparing files relating the mode of the camera to store image data (col. 2, lines 1-12).

Regarding claim 26, Kawamura discloses, in fig. 1, a CCD (103).

Regarding claim 27, Kawamura et al. discloses recording images to a memory card using file names (col. 1, lines 20-25). Kawamura et al. discloses a camera having a plurality of modes (col. 1, lines 64-66) and preparing a subdirectory to store files automatically depending on the mode set (col. 2, lines 1-11). Kawamura et al. discloses an image recording device that automatically gives files certain filenames depending on the mode that the camera is set in such as P0 for portrait mode and SP for sport mode (col. 5, lines 6-14). Kawamura further discloses storing the image and filename together (col. 4, lines 24-31).

Claim 28 is considered substantively equivalent to claim 22.

Claim 29 is considered substantively equivalent to claim 23.

Claim 31 is considered substantively equivalent to claim 25.

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Claim 32 is considered substantively equivalent to claim 26.

Regarding claim 33, Kawamura et al. discloses recording images to a memory card using file names (col. 1, lines 20-25). Kawamura et al. discloses a camera having a plurality of modes (col. 1, lines 64-66) and preparing a subdirectory to store files automatically depending on the mode set (col. 2, lines 1-11). Kawamura et al. discloses an image recording device that automatically gives files certain filenames depending on the mode that the camera is set in such as P0 for portrait mode and SP for sport mode (col. 5, lines 6-14). Kawamura further discloses storing the image and filename together (col. 4, lines 24-31).

Claim 35 is considered substantively equivalent to claim 25.

Regarding claim 36, Kawamura et al. discloses an image recording device that automatically gives files certain filenames depending on the mode that the camera is set in such as P0 for portrait mode and SP for sport mode (col. 5, lines 6-14).

Regarding claim 37, Kawamura et al. discloses recording images to a memory card using file names (col. 1, lines 20-25). Kawamura et al. discloses a camera having a plurality of modes (col. 1, lines 64-66) and preparing a subdirectory to store files automatically depending on the mode set (col. 2, lines 1-11). Kawamura et al. discloses an image recording device that automatically gives files certain filenames depending on the mode that the camera is set in such as P0 for portrait mode and SP for sport mode (col. 5, lines 6-14). Kawamura further discloses storing the image and filename together (col. 4, lines 24-31).

Claim 39 is considered substantively equivalent to claim 25.

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Claim 40 is considered substantively equivalent to claim 36.

Regarding claim 41, Kawamura et al. discloses recording images to a memory card using file names (col. 1, lines 20-25). Kawamura et al. discloses a camera having a plurality of modes (col. 1, lines 64-66) and preparing a subdirectory to store files automatically depending on the mode set (col. 2, lines 1-11). Kawamura et al. discloses an image recording device that automatically gives files certain filenames depending on the mode that the camera is set in such as P0 for portrait mode and SP for sport mode (col. 5, lines 6-14). Kawamura further discloses storing the image and filename together (col. 4, lines 24-31).

Regarding claim 42, Kawamura et al. discloses recording images to a memory card using file names (col. 1, lines 20-25). Kawamura et al. discloses a camera having a plurality of modes (col. 1, lines 64-66) and preparing a subdirectory to store files automatically depending on the mode set (col. 2, lines 1-11). Kawamura et al. discloses an image recording device that automatically gives files certain filenames depending on the mode that the camera is set in such as P0 for portrait mode and SP for sport mode (col. 5, lines 6-14).

Regarding claim 43, Kawamura et al. discloses recording images to a memory card using file names (col. 1, lines 20-25). Kawamura et al. discloses a camera having a plurality of modes (col. 1, lines 64-66) and preparing a subdirectory to store files automatically depending on the mode set (col. 2, lines 1-11). Kawamura et al. discloses an image recording device that automatically gives files certain filenames depending on the mode that the camera is set in such as

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P0 for portrait mode and SP for sport mode (col. 5, lines 6-14). Kawamura further discloses storing the image and filename together (col. 4, lines 24-31).

Regarding claim 44, Kawamura et al. discloses recording images to a memory card using file names (col. 1, lines 20-25). Kawamura et al. discloses a camera having a plurality of modes (col. 1, lines 64-66) and preparing a subdirectory to store files automatically depending on the mode set (col. 2, lines 1-11). Kawamura et al. discloses an image recording device that automatically gives files certain filenames depending on the mode that the camera is set in such as P0 for portrait mode and SP for sport mode (col. 5, lines 6-14). Kawamura further discloses storing the image and filename together (col. 4, lines 24-31).

6. **Claims 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Olkin (US 5,768,503)**

Regarding claim 19, Olkin discloses a computer system which provides a server program that communicates with a first program and authenticates a first user, one the user is authenticated the user is generated a temporary password and then changes the password for the authenticated user ID to the temporary (col. 2, lines 45-63). Olkin further disclose a user changing his attribute information following the authentication procedure (col. 5, lines 1-16). Olkin does not explicitly state that the authentication and exclusive user information are in a first and second memory in the computer system. However, it is inherent that computer have a plurality of memory and memory space as to store data.

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Regarding claim 20, Olkin further disclose a user changing his attribute information following the authentication procedure (col. 3, lines 1-5).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. ***The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:***

(a) a patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. **Claims 24, 30, 34, and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura et al. in view of Olkin.**

Regarding claim 24, Kawamura et al. disclose attribute information in the form of a filename (col.5, lines 7-14). Kawamura does not explicitly state that the attribute information contains exclusive user information. However, Olkin discloses attribute information which is user specific (col. 5, lines 1-16). Therefore, it would have been obvious to modify the Kawamura et al. system to include exclusive user information as taught by Olkin to provide a means to distinguish or quickly recognize information.

Claim 30 is considered substantively equivalent to claim 24.

Claim 34 is considered substantively equivalent to claim 24.

Claim 38 is considered substantively equivalent to claim 24.

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Conclusion

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wendy Garber, can be reached on (703) 305-4929.


Any inquiry of general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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